Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sister Muriel Spartz was born on January 26, 1929, on a farm near Kranzburg, South Dakota, to Nicholas and Agnes Spartz, one of nine children; and,

Whereas, Sister Muriel attended Holy Grade School, was baptized, made her First Communion, and was confirmed at Holy Rosary Church at Kranzburg; and,

Whereas, Sister Muriel graduated from Mt. Marty High School and College, received her Masters degree in Elementary Administration from Northern State College, and attended the Corporate Ministry program at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri; and,

Whereas, Sister Muriel has dedicated her life to bettering the lives of young people through education and the sharing of her faith; and,

Whereas, Sister Muriel enriched the lives of many young people through her teaching at Sacred Heart in Yankton; St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain; and St. Mary's in Richardton, North Dakota; and taught and served as principal at St. Philomena in Selfridge, North Dakota; Sacred Heart in Glen Ullin, North Dakota; St. Anthony's in Hoven, South Dakota; and St. Joseph School in Pierre where I was privileged to be one of her 6th grade students; and,

Whereas, Sister Muriel has served as Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education at Holy Name in Watertown and currently St. George in Hartford, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Sister Muriel will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather for an open house on Sunday, January 25, 2009, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2009, as

SISTER MURIEL SPARTZ DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State